

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 236

Recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. LUGER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BURR, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

MAY 25, 2006

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, and for other purposes.

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is a serious lung disorder causing progressive, incurable lung scarring;

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is one of about 200 disorders called interstitial lung diseases;

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is the most common form of interstitial lung disease;

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is a debilitating and generally fatal disease marked by progressive scarring of the lungs, causing an irreversible loss of the lung tissue's ability to transport oxygen;

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis progresses quickly, often causing disability or death within a few short years;

Whereas there is no proven cause of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis;

Whereas approximately 83,000 United States citizens have idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, and 31,000 new cases are diagnosed each year;

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is often misdiagnosed or under diagnosed;

Whereas the median survival rate for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis patients is 2 to 3 years, and about two thirds of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis patients die within 5 years; and

Whereas a need has been identified to increase awareness and detection of this misdiagnosed and under diagnosed disorder: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That Congress—

2 (1) recognizes the need to pursue research into
3 the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for id-
4 iopathic pulmonary fibrosis;

5 (2) supports the work of the Coalition for Pul-
6 monary Fibrosis and its partner organizations for
7 their great efforts to educate, support, and provide

1 hope for individuals who suffer from idiopathic pul-
2 monary fibrosis, including the work of the Coalition
3 to organize a national “Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibro-
4 sis Awareness Week”;

5 (3) supports the designation of an appropriate
6 week as “Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness
7 Week”;

8 (4) congratulates the Coalition for Pulmonary
9 Fibrosis for its efforts to educate the public about
10 idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, while funding research
11 to help find a cure for this disorder; and

12 (5) supports the goals and ideals of a national
13 “Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week”.

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